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1. HIGHLIGHTS. NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO FRONTPAGE MIDEAST

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CEASEFIRE DEVELOPMENTS. TUESDAY PAPERS ALSO FEATURED

KISSINGER SEES MAO; WEDNESDAY PAPERS REPORT HE ASSURED

CHINESE US POLICY WILL REMAIN CONSTANT; PAPERS ALSO FRONT-

PAGE US EUROPE END DOUBLE STANDARD ON GOLD PRICE. TODAY'S

COMMENT ON EUROPE OIL AND ARMS.

1A. TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE HAD DOBRYNIN SAYS DETENTE EASED CRISIS, ALSO TELLS NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION EXPANDED SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE IS VITAL. PARIS DISPATCHES REPORTED JOBERT CRITICIZED SOVIET-AMERICAN ACCORDS, SAYING MIDEAST CRISIS CONFIRMED DOUBTS ABOUT CAPACITY OF SUPERPOWERS TO KEEP PEACE; OTHER STORIES ON US-NATO RELATIONS. BALTSUN HAD STOCKHOLM AP, INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE PREDICTS MILITARY SPENDING IN MIDEAST WILL CREATE INTERNATIONAL ARMS BOOM AS AFTER 1956 AND 1967 WARS.

1B. WEDNESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORT SISCO BRIEFING EUROPEAN MINISTERS ON MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE, ALSO BRANDT DEMANDS US

TREAT EUROPE AS EQUAL. WASHPOST REPORTS DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH TOLD UNITED SYNAGOGUES OF AMERICA AT KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. WE SHOULDN'T BURDEN SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION WITH HEATED DEBATE OVER TRADE AND SOVIET EMIGRATION, ADDING JEWISH EMIGRATION FIGURES ARE RUNNING AHEAD OF LAST YEAR'S. BALTSUN HAS WASHINGTON AP REPORTING HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS REJECTED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, PLAN TO MOVE FLYING COMMAND POSTS FROM 707 PLANES TO 747S.

2. US-NATO. TUESDAY NYTIMES FLORA LEWIS WASHINGTON REPORTED MISUNDERSTANDINGS, LACK OF INFORMATION AND BASIC DIVERGENCE IN PERCEPTIONS OF NATURE OF MIDDLE EAST CRISIS LED TO RIFT BETWEEN EUROPE AND US, ACCORDING TO US AND ALLIED DIPLOMATS. INTERVIEWS DISCLOSED PERSONALITY OF KISSINGER AND DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF PAST TWO YEARS WERE ALSO IMPORTANT FACTORS. CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN RECENT YEARS, SUCH AS HEAVY EUROPEAN DEPENDENCE ON ARAB OIL SUPPLIES, QUANTITY AND SOPHISTICATION OF WEAPONS SUPPLIED TO ARABS BY RUSSIANS AND ARAB'S UNEXPECTED ABILITY TO MOUNT JOINT DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN WERE NOT ADEQUATELY WEIGHED OR EVEN NOTICED. SERIOUS NEW STRAINS ON ATLANTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS ALSO FLOWED FROM WAY US AND EUROPE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING THEIR DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES, WITH US SOURCES CONCEDING THAT US MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO EXPLAIN ITS VIEW TO ALLIES. OFFICIALS CONCEDED STATE HAD FACILITIES TO REACH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS THAT COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BUT IT WAS A ONE-MAN SHOW ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS AT STATE. INEVITABLY, SAID LEWIS, ANY PERIOD OF INTENSE US SOVIET DIPLOMACY FANS EUROPEAN SUSPICIONS, ADDING IN HINDSIGHT, SOME AMERICANS BELIEVE THOSE ASSUMPTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN BASIS FOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN PERCEPTIONS OF WHAT WAS GOING ON IN MIDDLE EAST. EUROPEANS COULD HAVE SUPPOSED SOME ELEMENTS UNDERLYING DETENTE MEANT RUSSIANS WOULD NOT REALLY TRY TO UPSET STRATEGIC BALANCE AS US CAME TO BELIEVE THEY WERE DOING. KISSINGER'S ANNOYANCE, WHEN

VIEWS FROM WASHINGTON, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AROUSED MORE BY THIS DIFFERENCE IN VIEWPOINT THAN BY REACTION OF ALLIES TO US MILITARY SUPPLY TO ISRAEL. HE WAS ALREADY SHORT-TEMPERED ABOUT ALLIED BEHAVIOR, STATE OFFICIALS SAID, BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING AGREED RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER.

2A. TUESDAY WASHPOST DAN MORGAN LOCAL REPORTED US REPRESENTATIVES LEFT FOR EUROPE TO MAKE FRESH ATTEMPT AT RESOLVING SHARPEST DISAGREEMENT IN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IN YEARS. US DELEGATION, AFTER STOP IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS NATO AND MIDDLE EAST MATTERS, WILL TAKE UP PROPOSAL FOR JOINT ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES IN COPENHAGEN WEDNESDAY WITH REPS OF COMMON

MARKET. LEADING US OFFICIAL SAID LAST WEEK WRITING OF DECLARATION WAS STALLED OVER FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES IN PHILOSOPHY BETWEEN US AND EUROPE AND CONCEDED MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WILL AFFECT ATLANTIC ATMOSPHERE FOR MONTHS. ASSISTANT SEC STOESEL AND HELMUT SONNENFELDT PARTICIPATING IN TALKS. US OFFICIALS MONDAY SOUGHT DISCOURAGE SUGGESTIONS THAT RELATIONS WITH EUROPE HAD REACHED SERIOUS IMPASSE, BUT CONCEDED DEEP DISAGREEMENT OVER MIDDLE EAST POLICY BETWEEN US AND NATO ALLIES HAD NOT "GONE AWAY", ADDING "FRANK EXCHANGES HAVE LED TO VERY THOROUGH RE-EXAMINATION ON BOTH SIDES", PUTTING THE DISPUTE INTO "PERSPECTIVE." HOWEVER NEW FRICTIONS EMERGING WITH US OFFICIALS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON FURIOUS AT DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS PUBLISHED IN NOV. 9 NYTIMES OF THEIR SEPT 29 PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF COMMON POLITICAL PRINCIPLES. US OFFICIALS FEELING, SAID MORGAN, THAT PREMATURE UNVEILING OF PROPOSAL SHOWED LACK OF GOOD WILL ON PART OF EUROPEANS. BEYOND SPECIFIC FRICTIONS, CRISIS PRODUCED STILL UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND EUROPE OVER STRATEGIC ROLE OF NATO. US OFFICIALS WORRY THAT IMPENDING EUROPEAN INFLATION AND BITTER MOOD BETWEEN US AND EUROPE COULD SPREAD TO TRADE RELATIONS, MONETARY POLICY AND NATO AND DEFENSE MATTERS. THIS ATMOSPHERE, SAY OFFICIALS, HAS PLACED IN JEOPARDY THE "YEAR OF EUROPE". ALSO MIDEAST DISPUTE HAS BEEN NO BOON TO EUROPEANS WHOSE REFUSAL TO BACK ISRAELIS HAS LED TO CRIES OF COWARDICE AND STRAINED ALLIANCE WITH US. EUROPEANS SAY FRICTIONS PREDATED CRISIS AND ASSERT US HAS NOT GIVEN THEM ADEQUATE CREDIT TO HELP SUPPORT DOLLAR AND SHARE COST OF RUNNING NATO, AND COMPLAIN US TOO OFTEN USES SECURITY UMBRELLA TO EXTRACT ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES.

3. COMMENT. TODAY'S WASHPOST EDITORIALIZES ON OIL AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, SAYING MUCH-DISCUSSED NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER IS NOW REVEALED TO HAVE BEEN SHOULDERED RUDELY ASIDE BY STARK RULE OF EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, WITH AMERICA

STARTING DAMAGE BY ITS INADEQUATE WARNING TO EUROPEANS OF
OUR MIDEAST PLANS, AND EUROPEANS' UNDIGNIFIED SCRAMBLE TO
KEEP OUT OF AN ISSUE THAT CONCERNS THEM AS MUCH AS ANYONE
ELSE. IF PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON IS SELF-CENTERED AND
NARROW, SPECTACLE IN EUROPE IS EVEN MORE DISMAYING WITH
GOVERNMENTS JOSTLING EACH OTHER IN COMPETITION TO SEE
WHO CAN BE ARABS' BEST FRIEND. OIL CRISIS IS REVEALING
PROCESS OF DECAY IN ATLANTIC ALLIANCE THAT HAS BEEN GOING
ON LONG TIME, AS EUROPEANS OBJECT THEY ARE BEING PUSHED
AROUND BY THE RICH AMERICANS AND AMERICANS REPLY THAT
FRENCH AND GERMANS ARE NOW, PER CAPITA,

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